

Uniform Polling Hours Sought by Assemblyman

Polling places would be closed at 7 p.m. throughout the state if a bill introduced by Assemblyman Charles F. Chapel (R-Palos Verdes) is adopted.

The bill (AB 63) would repeal sections of the state elections code which permit polling places in more populous areas to remain open until 8 p.m.

Chapel said he had received numerous letters from election boards in his district complaining that very few people came to vote after 7 p.m. in the June and November state elections.

"I learned that the same situation prevailed throughout California," he said.

The bill has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Elections and Reapportionment.

Mountaineering Course Slated

Adults who want to improve their mountaineering techniques will be given an opportunity to do so by the Torrance Recreation Department next month.

The recreation department, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, will sponsor a basic mountaineering training course beginning Feb. 7.

The nine-week course will meet on consecutive Tuesdays at the Torrance Recreation Center. A fee of \$3 will be charged and the class is open to both Sierra Club members and the general public.

SUBJECTS to be covered during the course will include mountaineering equipment, mountain cooking and sleeping, compass and map reading, rock climbing, mountain and snow travel, safety and emergencies, and conservation.

Four training field trips will be included in the course. They include trips for a trail hike or peak climb and rock climbing instruction and practice and two weekend trips.

Two experience trips will be sponsored following the course, including a major backpack trip and major peak climb.

Serra High Facilities Completed

New classroom and library facilities and a cafeteria will be dedicated Sunday at Serra High School as the Marianists who staff the school celebrate the 150th anniversary of the order.

Bishop John J. Ward, D. D., J. C. L., Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, will offer mass at 11:45 a.m. in the school gymnasium. He will bless the new classroom wing, enlarged library, cafeteria, and new office area following the mass.

The school will celebrate open house from 2 until 5 p.m. Sunday. A ham dinner will be served by the sophomore mothers of the Serra Mothers Club.

Two Hurt In Traffic Collision

Two persons sustained minor injuries early Sunday in a traffic accident at Torrance and Crenshaw Boulevards.

Police said both cars were westbound on Torrance Boulevard in heavy fog when the accident occurred. The Duke vehicle struck the Naag car, which was moving very slowly at the time, officers said.

Police said Robert Lee Duke, 23, of 1639 1/2 Cabrillo Ave., and Tillie Naag, 55, of 1820 Torrance Blvd., were hurt.

Duke was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Mrs. Naag, a passenger

Adult School Slates Free Class In Tax Preparation

A tuition-free course on how to prepare federal income tax returns will be offered by Torrance Evening High School for six consecutive Thursday nights beginning tomorrow.

The two-hour sessions will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 122, Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St.

According to Raymond Collins, adult education principal, the course will deal with the basic tax laws dealing with preparation of tax forms and schedules for individuals.

Discussion and possible solving of tax problems will be included. The course will be taught by an instructor from the Federal Internal Revenue Service.

Persons interested in enrolling may do so at the first class.

El Camino Employs Recognized

The El Camino College chapter of the California School Employees Association has been recognized by the college's Board of Trustees.

Trustees extended the same privileges enjoyed by other organizations to the new group at their meeting of Jan. 9.

William L. Avery is president of the new chapter. Avery, other officers of the chapter, and Harry L. Hasler, field representative for the statewide organization, attended the Jan. 9 meeting of trustees.

South High Names Top Homemaker

Frances Zoeller has been selected the South High "Homemaker of Tomorrow," Miss Norma Musing, chairman of the homemaking department, announced today.

Miss Zoeller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zoeller of 235 Vista del Parque. She is now eligible to compete for the state "homemaker of tomorrow" award.

State winners will receive college scholarships worth \$1,500 and have an opportunity to compete for national honors.

Educators Attend Conference

Six Torrance educators will attend the annual conference of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators in Los Angeles March 19 through 21.

Four high school principals and two assistant principals will represent the Torrance schools at the meeting.

Principals who will attend include Dr. Carl Ahee of Torrance High, Dr. Richard Guengerich of North High, Dr. John A. Lucas of South High, and Dr. Robert Ford of West High.

Assistant principals planning to attend the convention are Joseph Rotcher of West High and Harold Klonecky of Torrance High.

ONLY PERSONS 16 years of age and older will be accepted. Youngsters between 14 and 18 and Boy Scouts who are at least 14 may enroll if they are accompanied by an adult.

A certificate and patch will be awarded to persons who complete the course.

Pre-registration is required and may be completed by sending a check for \$3 to the Sierra Club Mountaineering Course, Post Office Box 83, Reseda, Calif. 91335. The words "Torrance, Tuesday Nights" should be printed on the outside of the envelope and a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Carolyn Smith at the Torrance Recreation Department.

THE MARIONIST order was founded in 1817 by Father William Joseph Chamblain in the city of Bordeaux, France. The Marianists, or Society of Mary, established their first schools in the United States in 1849.

Serra, which occupies a 20-acre campus in Gardena, was begun in 1950.

SPEAKERS for Sunday's program will include Donald Davidson, mayor of Gardena, Catholic Schools; Fr. Bertrand Clemens, provincial of the Marianist Province of the Pacific, and Br. William Bolts, principal of Serra.

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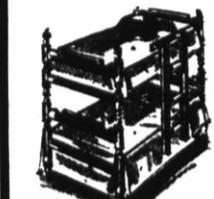
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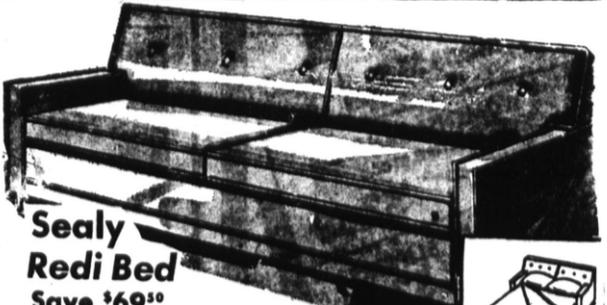
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